

2008 ACNP Community Service Award

The 2008 ACNP Community Service Award was presented to Carmen Paniagua, EdD, RN, CPC, ACNP-BC on November 1 at the ACNP National Clinical Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Paniagua serves as the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Coordinator, and mentor to new faculty at the School of Nursing, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. Paniagua's devotes to many hours to service activities in the Hispanic community. As a faculty member, and as a nurse practitioner, she has received recognition for her service work in *El Latino*, a weekly Spanish newspaper, and on local television programs. For four years she has provided NP services at the Charity Hispanic Clinic, while mentoring NP students to participate in Hispanic Wellness Programs and Health Fairs in the community. As an active member of the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations (NCEMNA) she mentors other minority nurses involved in research projects. At the state level, she was a Commissioner for the Arkansas Minority Health for two consecutive legislative terms and on the Genetics Advisory Council for Arkansas Health Department. Finally, she is a superb role model and peer supporter for recruitment and retention of minority nurses throughout the state.